

Filed for intro on 05/19/1999

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 267

By Givens

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Tracey L. Gentry for outstanding work as an intern for the House Agriculture Committee.

WHEREAS, throughout the course of each legislative session, there have emerged certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Tracey L. Gentry has distinguished herself as one such individual through her work as a legislative intern for Representatives Ken Givens, Chair; Kathryn Bowers, Vice Chair; and Dennis Ferguson, Secretary; and the other members of the House Agriculture Committee. Her efforts resulted in untold benefits for the members she served and for the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded student who is majoring in Accounting at Tennessee Technological University, Tracey has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself as a valuable member of Beta Alpha Psi, an honors accounting fraternity; Alpha Kappa Psi, the Accounting Club and the Society for the Advancement of Finance and Economics; and

WHEREAS, she is the daughter of proud parents, Connie and Phil Gentry of Baxter, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during the 1999 legislative session, Ms. Gentry has exceeded all standards with regard to the qualities that are expected of a dedicated and competent legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in researching and communicating information regarding "The Coordinated School Health Improvement Act of 1999" sponsored by Representative Givens; and

WHEREAS, Tracey has been very patient with office co-workers who seemed unable to call her except by names other than her own; she was also adept at covering for secretaries who were "at the copier", a euphemism for any unexplained absence; and

WHEREAS, Tracey has proven that if you are bright, professional, responsible and a little savvy, you can accomplish anything, even if you have no place to sit and little access to a telephone; and

WHEREAS, Tracey is considering a career as a tour guide because of her vast experience in providing tours for the children of this state; further, she is a very "knowlegable" (sic) user of computers and has spent much time using the spell-check program at the urging of Representative Givens, because his experience is that Tech graduates cannot spell; and

WHEREAS, office co-workers Elizabeth Coogan, Juanita Davidson and Mary Bryant are very appreciative of Tracey Gentry for her upbeat attitude, willingness to pitch in, patience and understanding and thank her for a job well done; and

WHEREAS, Tracey has been given assignments spanning all aspects of the work of Chairman Givens' office and of the House Agriculture Committee; he describes her as his "right arm" and as being dependable, intelligent and fun to work with; and

WHEREAS, eager to learn more about the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of Tennessee state government and to aid in her studies, Tracey Gentry brought her many skills to the State Capitol for the 1999 session of the One Hundred First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Tracey has performed her many responsibilities with extraordinary intelligence and alacrity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Tracey L. Gentry for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Chairman Ken Givens and the House Agriculture committee and wish her much success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.